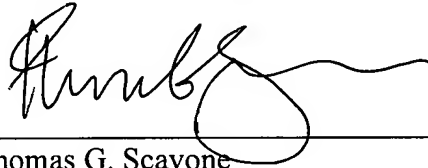


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REMARKS

Claim 1-7 are in the case. These claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and under the doctrine of double patenting. The claims have been amended to correct the minor errors in form and thereby overcome the § 112 rejections. Also, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed with this Amendment to overcome the double patenting rejection. Therefore, the application is in condition for allowance.

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